

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Arkansas School for the Deaf met for their monthly meeting on June 15, 2021.

Present: Dr. John McAllister, Chair; Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Vice-Chair; Susan Pack, Board Member; Robert Fagan, Board Member; James Caton, ASBVI Superintendent; Dr. Janet Dickinson, ASD Superintendent; Holley Mott, ASD Parent Representative; Jonathan Smith and Will Gorum, Interpreters; Members of the Deaf Community; Members of the Blind Community.
Absent: Faith McLaughlin; Dr. Priya Gupta

Chair Dr. John McAllister called the meeting to order at 5:00. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021 at the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Joint Agenda

21-J-011 Motion to Approve Joint May 18, 2021 Minutes

Mrs. Pack moved to approve, Dr. Atcherson seconded. Motion passed.

Action Items – None

Discussion Items – Nurse Survey for ASBVI and ASD

Vicki Crump, RN stated she included a picture from the National Association of School Nurses (in both schools' survey). It shows how they are to shape their practice and what they are supposed to look for every time they see a student and what they are supposed to do. It is the "Framework for 21st Century School Nurse Practice".

Nurse Vicki reported on the nurse surveys for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Arkansas School for the Deaf. She went over both surveys in depth.

There being no further business of Joint nature, the agenda moved to the Arkansas School for the Blind.

Arkansas School for the Blind

21-B-007 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement & Personnel Items)

Mrs. Pack moved to approve, Dr. Atcherson seconded. Motion passed.

Action Items – None

Discussion Items – None

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Caton stated the RN and LPN positions have been posted

Waiting on approval for the GT teacher position

Introduction of the UALR O&M interns/students

ASB had 3 retirees – Debra Morris (28 yrs.), Vivian Bryant (23 yrs.), Martha Hill (27 yrs.)

Allocation for the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds: \$217,941.02

Three years to spend the funds – 20% has to be set aside to address learning loss needs

Welcomed Rob Fagan as newest board member

Mr. Fagan is a former student, parent of a student and employee of ASB

ASB has an intern from Arkansas Public Service Internship Program working in the IRC Dept.

ASB is getting new website – won't change dramatically but will save around \$3600 a year

ASB is looking at adding a Reading Specialist which will be an important benefit to the kids

Camp Sunshine being held for PK – 1st grade June 14 – July 2

Jump Start will be mostly virtual this year – will have a group of students on campus next week

9th grade students passed the Civics exam that is required for graduation

CTE students earned their Microsoft Office Specialist Power Point Associate certification

Teachers were provided with year-end PD (Eureka Math, Renaissance Learning, Benchmark)

ASB had 2 teachers and 1 para that had perfect attendance this year

Lori Cole passed the Principal Praxis exam

Beverly Roy promoted to Home Life Residential Manager and will continue to have responsibilities in Superintendent's Office.

Residential Advisors are participating in training for 3 weeks

Health Services – have begun moving into the Infirmary building – furniture will be delivered 6/22

Child Nutrition posted information for parents on the USDA Summer Meal Program on the website

Campus Projects – The Fiber Optics project will carry over into the new fiscal year (Est. \$177,897)

Hill Cottage renovations continue progress through the first phase

ASB annual Spring Concert is posted on the website for viewing

There being no further business for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the agenda moved to the School for the Deaf.

Arkansas School for the Deaf

21-D-007 Motion to Approve Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Statement, Personnel Items)

Dr. McAllister for a motion to approve the Consent Items to include the minutes, financial statement and personnel items. Dr. Atcherson moved to approve, Mrs. Pack seconded.

Action Items – None

Discussion Items – None

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Dickinson welcomed Mr. Fagan to the board. She took him on a tour of ASD. His memory of where things are from the time he was in school was very good. Admin Team Retreat is Wednesday and Thursday at the Vines Center (4H Center). ADE Summit is next week in Hot Springs. ASD providing several workshops. Parnell Hall ribbon cutting was held last month before board meeting. End of Year Celebration & BBQ was held June 3rd in Parnell Hall. Ernie and Vicki tied for the Suzie Award. Many others were presented with awards. ASD had two retirees – Julia McKinney and Pamela Baldwin. Educational Leadership Team retreat was June 9 & 10. Seth is leaving ASD. He has worked hard reaching out to find a replacement. Middle School ended the year with the Ice Cream Challenge (for reading). ASD had a good graduation.

There being no further business for the Arkansas School for the Deaf, Dr. McAllister adjourned the meeting.

Dr. John McAllister, Chair

Faith McLaughlin, Secretary